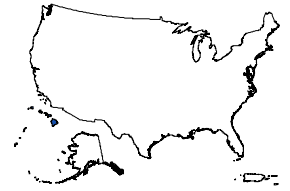


2000 Environmental Quality Incentives Program



Customer Focus—

S & S Dairy, Hawaii County,
Hawaii

Ernest Souza, owner of S & S Dairy, has a 375-cow operation in Naalehu. Mr. Souza decided to improve his operation and contacted the NRCS for assistance.

After working closely with NRCS on the design of his animal waste management system, Mr. Souza applied for financial assistance through EQIP to install his improvements. Along with the environmental benefits provided from his new system, Mr. Souza has been able to manage, utilize, and generate income from the waste produced.

Hawaii Summary

Overview

EQIP generates a great deal of interest in Hawaii. This year almost 40 farmers and ranchers throughout the islands requested funds totaling over \$540,000 to address their natural resource concerns. NRCS assisted 26 agricultural producers in developing contracts that obligated nearly \$450,000 in federal cost-share assistance. As a result of these contracts, conservation practices will be applied to nearly 4,600 acres of agricultural lands over the next 5 to 10 years.

Accomplishments

The year 2000 was an active year for EQIP in Hawaii. NRCS continues to provide technical assistance to about 100 farmers, ranchers, and other agricultural producers who apply conservation practices as part of their EQIP contracts. As a result, producers applied conservation treatment measures to approximately 2,000 acres of land this year.

Outlook

Conservation practices to address animal waste, erosion and sedimentation, noxious weeds, and other natural resource concerns are needed throughout the state. Additional funding will ensure that our farmers and ranchers receive technical, financial, and educational assistance to continue farming while protecting our natural resources.

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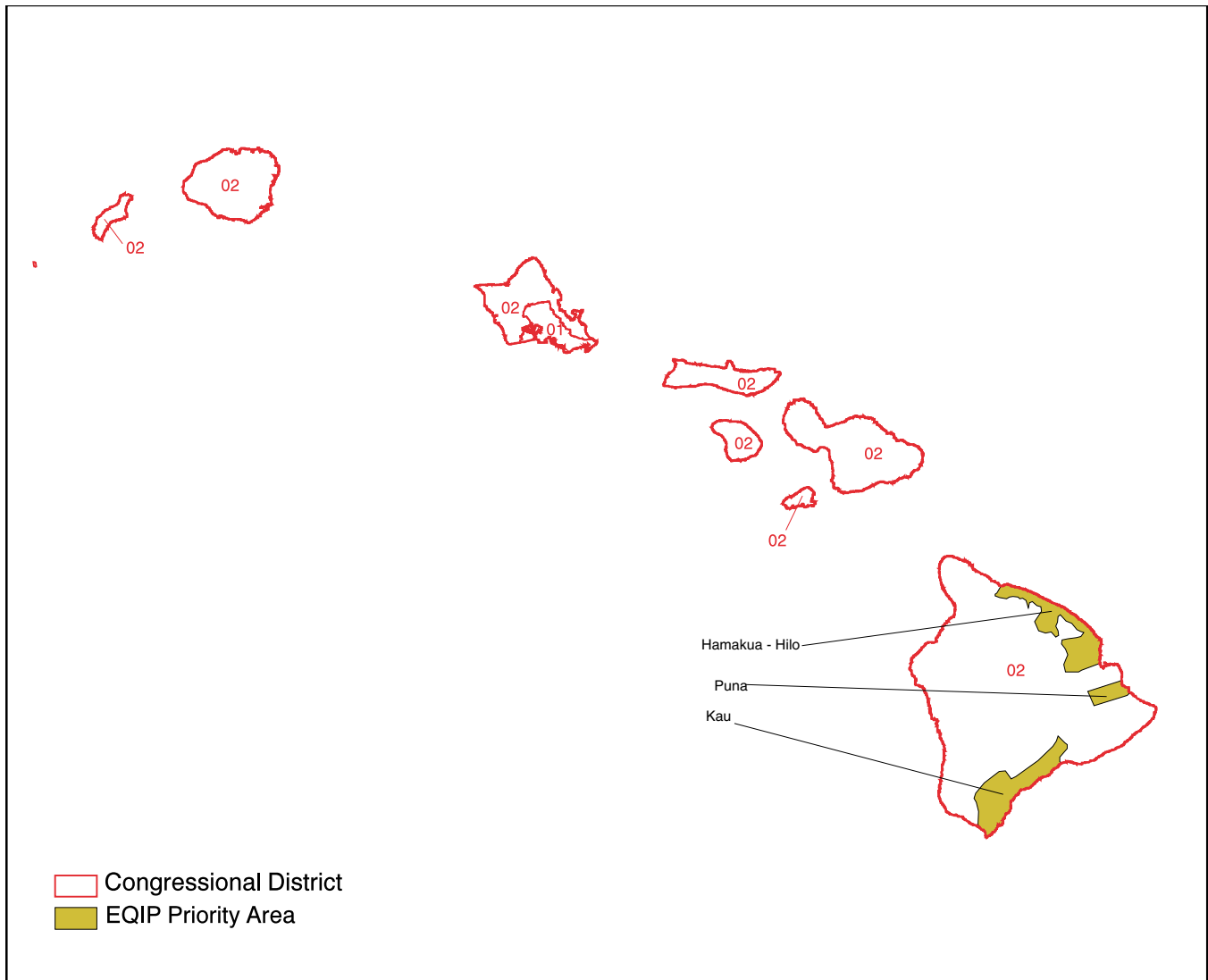


Manure from solids separator is taken to the solids storage facility shown in background.



Liquids are stored in the waste facility before application in the pasture as plant nutrients.

Hawaii EQIP Priority Areas Within Congressional District



Hawaii EQIP Dollars and Contracts by Congressional District

Congressional District	Fiscal Year 2000		Cumulative Total (97-00)	
	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts	Obligated Dollars	Number of Contracts
District 2	\$442,281	26	\$2,199,439	117
State Totals	\$442,281	26	\$2,199,439	117

Note: EQIP contracts for each Congressional District are estimated from Conservation Priority Areas which may include more than one district. Congressional District 0 = EQIP Contracts for Statewide Natural Resource Concerns which can be in any Congressional District in the state.

Source: FSA Recordset type01, data through 4th quarter FY2000

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